

## **REMARKS**

Claims 30-32 were pending in the application and were rejected. Claims 30 and 32 have been amended. Claim 31 has been canceled. Support for the claim amendments can be found in Applicant's specification as published in United States Patent Publication No. 2006/0126532, specifically at paragraphs [0059] and [0060]; and in FIG. 2. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

## **CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 103**

**The Office Action rejected claims 30-32 under 35 USC 103(a)** as being unpatentable over Souissi (US PUB 20020187780) in view of Almgren et al. (US P 6668175). Claim 31 has been canceled and Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 30 and 32. Claims 30 and 32 have been amended to clarify the distinctive feature of having a network control unit control the mobile device. The purpose of the network control unit is to relieve the communication device of the burden of determining to which network to connect and having to search for beacon signals. Neither Souissi nor Almgren teach nor suggest such a network control unit to manage inter-network handover.

Both Souissi and Almgren must rely on the mobile device itself to scan for an available network. See Souissi at paragraph [0033]: "Once RF section 102 is tuned to the proper frequency, model 100 will typically scan for a network control channel and, upon accessing the control channel, will send registration messages to the network." Therefore

claims 30 and 32 are patentable over the cited references.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. The Director is hereby authorized any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0510.

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